

REMARKS

A. Request for Reconsideration

Applicants have carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action but remain of the position that patentable subject matter is present. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

B. Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-20 are presented for further prosecution. Claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled and claims 18-20 have been added by this amendment.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 3, 4 and 6 in the alternative. Claim 1 now recites that the photopolymerization composition contains a compound represented by formulas (1-a), (2-1) or (2-3).

Claim 17 has also been amended to include the limitations of claims 3, 4 and 6 in the alternative. Claim 17 now also recites that the photopolymerization composition contains a compound represented by formulas (1-a), (2-1) or (2-3).

Claims 3, 4 and 6 have been amended as a result of the amendment to claim 1. In addition, claims 18-20 have been added to mirror amended claims 3, 4 and 6, but to be dependent upon claim 17. Claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled.

C. The Office Action

Claim 17 had been allowed. The Examiner had indicated that claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 13-16 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 11 and 12 had been rejected as being anticipated by Iwai (US 5,885,746).

Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 17 to include the allowable subject matter of claims 3, 4 and 6 in the alternative. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection based on Iwai is overcome and that all of the claims are in condition for allowance.

D. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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